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SUBJECT: AUTOMOBILE SUBSIDY PROGRAMS - AUSTRALIA

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[1](#)B. 2008 CANBERRA 1134

[1](#)1. On November 10, 2008, the GOA announced its "New Car Plan for a Greener Future". Totalling A\$7.7 billion (US\$5.1 at current exchange rates), it focuses on encouraging the manufacture of low-emissions vehicles (Toyota has already received money under this provision), a fund to encourage consolidation of component manufacturing, and an emphasis on investment in research and development. See 2008 Canberra 1134 for further details.

[1](#)2. In making the announcement, Prime Minister Rudd, despite the pleas of domestic manufacturers General Motors/Holden and Ford, stuck to the scheduled reduction in auto tariffs from 10% to 5% in 2010; Rudd said this would result "in the third-lowest tariff regime among economies with a well-developed automotive industry."

[1](#)3. There are no provisions in the plan linking assistance to export or local content requirements.

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